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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date February 24, 2006

In re the Application of

Ryoji WATANABE et al.

Group Art Unit: 3651

Application No.: 10/647,292

Examiner: P. MACKEY

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Docket No.: 116940

For: POSTPROCESSING APPARATUS AND POSTPROCESSING METHOD

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

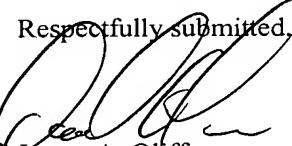
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired January 24, 2006, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 176893 in the amount of \$120.00 in payment for:

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